

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2017-318-T - ORDER NO. 2018-64

FEBRUARY 7, 2018

IN RE: Application of JB Movers, Incorporated for a ) ORDER GRANTING  
Class E (Household Goods) Certificate of ) CLASS E (HOUSEHOLD  
Public Convenience and Necessity for ) GOODS) CERTIFICATE  
Operation of Motor Vehicle Carrier )

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Application of JB Movers, Inc. (“Applicant” or “JB Movers”) for a Class E (Household Goods) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. The Applicant seeks statewide authority to move household goods in South Carolina. Notice of this matter was timely published pursuant to 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817(C)(3)(a). No parties intervened, and a hearing on the Application was held on January 10, 2018, in the offices of the Commission.

The parties at the hearing included the Applicant, represented by John J. Pringle, Jr., Esquire, and the Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”), represented by Jenny Pittman, Esquire. JB Movers presented the testimony of Jack Bruce, the company’s owner. In addition, JB Movers offered the shipper witness deposition testimony of Andrew Choate, a realtor, who stated the need for additional movers in South Carolina.

ORS did not present testimony, but submitted a letter to the Commission on January 9, 2018, stating that ORS staff “is of the opinion that the Applicant will meet the requirements of fit, willing and able as required of a Household Goods Mover under the

provisions of 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-133 (2012).” Additionally, ORS made Tom Allen, Director of Safety, Transportation, and Emergency Response, available for Commission questions regarding ORS’s inspections of the Applicant.

For the Applicant, Mr. Bruce testified about his knowledge and experience in the moving industry and stated that he was aware of and intended to comply with the Commission’s regulations concerning household goods movers. Mr. Bruce testified about the Applicant’s equipment, insurance, and financial position, and his preparedness to begin operations as a Class E certificated mover on a statewide basis.

The Commission finds the Application to be in order. Additionally, we conclude that the Applicant has demonstrated that it is fit, willing, and able to operate as a household goods mover pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-23-330 and 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-133. Furthermore, we find that the public convenience and necessity is not already being served by existing authorized service. Therefore, the Application of JB Movers, Inc. should be granted.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The Application of JB Movers, Inc. for a Class E (Household Goods) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is approved for the Applicant to transport household goods throughout South Carolina.
2. The Final Tariff and Bill of Lading are approved and attached hereto as Order Appendix A.
3. The Applicant shall file with the Office of Regulatory Staff the proper insurance, safety rating, and other information required by S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-23-

10 et. seq. (1976), as amended, and by 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-100 through 103-241 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations for Motor Carriers, as amended, and 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 38-400 through 38-503 (Supp. 2011) of the Department of Public Safety's Rules and Regulations for Motor Carriers, as amended, within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order, or within such additional time as may be authorized by the Commission.

4. Upon compliance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-23-10 et. seq. (1976), as amended, and the applicable Regulations for Motor Carriers, S.C. Code Ann. Regs. Vol. 10 (2012), as amended, a Certificate shall be issued by the Office of Regulatory Staff authorizing the motor carrier services granted herein.

5. Prior to compliance with the above-referenced requirements and receipt of a Certificate, the motor carrier services authorized by this Order shall not be provided.

6. Failure of the Applicant to either (1) complete the certification process by complying with the Office of Regulatory Staff requirements of causing to be filed with the Commission proof of appropriate insurance and an acceptable safety rating within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order or (2) to request and obtain from the Commission additional time to comply with the requirements stated above, will cause this Order granting the Application to be null and void, and the Application herein shall be dismissed without prejudice. In this event, no further order of this Commission is necessary.

7. Pursuant to the two-month reporting requirement contained in Order No. 2014-443 (May 21, 2014), the ORS is requested to furnish the name and docket number of the Applicant to the Commission, should the Applicant fail to meet the requirements of the present Order. After such notification, the Docket shall be closed.

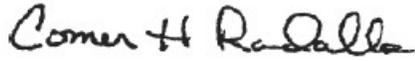
8. This Order shall remain in full force and effect under further order of this Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Swain E. Whitfield, Chairman

ATTEST:



Comer H. Randall, Vice Chairman

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REGULATIONS AND SCHEDULE OF CHARGES  
APPLICABLE TO  
INTRASTATE HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOVES  
WITHIN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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TARIFF FORMAT

- A. Page Numbering - Page numbers appear in the upper-right corner of the page. Pages are numbered sequentially. New pages may occasionally be added to the tariff. When a new page is added, the page appears as a decimal. For example, a new page added between pages 3 and 4 would be 3.1.
- B. Page Revision Numbers. Page Revision Numbers also appear in the upper-right corner of the page. These numbers are used to determine the most current page revision on file with the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff. For example, the Fourth Revised Page 3 cancels the Third Revised Page 3.
- C. Paragraph Numbering Sequence. There are nine levels of paragraph coding. Each level of coding is subservient to its next higher level of coding.
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APPLICABILITY OF TARIFF

This tariff contains the regulations and rates applicable to the provision of intrastate household goods moves by JB Movers, Inc. ("JB Movers" or "the Company"). These services are furnished between points and places in South Carolina.

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SECTION 1 - TRANSPORTATION CHARGES

1 Transportation Charges include the hourly rates as listed below.

1.1 Hourly Rates and Charges

1.1.1 Moves will be conducted on a “straight time” basis, with a two-hour minimum. After the first two hours, the hourly rates are calculated in thirty- minute increments. Any interim charge is rounded up to the next thirty-minute increments.

1.1.2 Customers are not charged an additional fee for overtime labor.

1.1.3 Hourly rates are the same seven days a week, 24 hours a day, in every Season of the year.

Two Movers (with a truck)	\$95.00/hr plus \$95 truck fee
Three Movers (with a truck)	\$120.00/hr plus \$120.00 truck fee
Four Movers (with a truck)	\$165.00/hr plus \$165 truck fee

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SECTION 2 - ADDITIONAL SERVICES

2 The following charges shall be assessed in addition to the hourly rates quoted in Section 1 of this tariff

2.1 Bulky Article Charges (per item)

2.1.1	Jacuzzi/Hot Tub	\$150.00
2.1.2	Safe >300lbs	\$100.00
2.1.3	File Cabinet>300lbs	\$100.00
2.1.4	Riding Lawnmower	\$ 50.00
2.1.5	Motorcycle	\$100.00
2.1.6	Spinnet Piano	\$100.00
2.1.7	Upright Piano	\$150.00
2.1.8	Baby Grand Piano	\$200.00

2.1.9 The Company reserves the right to decline, at its sole discretion, to move particular items because of their bulk or fragile nature.

2.2 Elevator or Stair Carry

The Company does not charge an additional fee for elevator or stair carry.

2.3 Excessive Distance or Long Carry Charges

The Company does not charge an additional fee for carrying articles an excessive distance from the motor vehicle.

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SECTION 3- ADDITIONAL CHARGES

3 Packing and Unpacking

- 3.1 The rates and charges in the tariff do not include servicing or unservicing articles or appliances such as freezers, refrigerators, computer equipment, washers, dryers, televisions and similar articles. The company does not disconnect or reconnect the shippers appliances and articles.
- 3.1.1 The company does not charge an additional fee for packing and Unpacking. The packing rate is the same as the hourly rate in Section 1 plus The marked price for packing materials including sales tax on the materials.
- 3.1.2 The Company is not responsible for items packed by the customer. Boxes containing fragile or breakable items must be properly labeled.
- 3.2 The Shipper is charged the rates specified in Section 1 for all waiting time and delays not the fault of the Company
- 3.3 The Company does not assume any liability whatsoever for documents, currency, money, credit cards, jewelry, watches, precious stones or articles of extraordinary value including accounts, bills, deeds, evidences of debt, securities, notes postage stamps, stamp collections, trading cards or stamps revenue stamps, letters or packets of letters, alcoholic beverages, firearms, coin collections, articles of peculiarly inherent or intrinsic value, or precious metals or articles manufactured there from. The company will not accept responsibility for safe delivery of such articles if they come into the Company's possession with or without the company's knowledge.

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SECTION 4 - RULES AND REGULATIONS

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- 4.1 Claims
  - 4.1.1 All claims for loss, damage or overcharge must be written and should be attached to the bill of lading.
  - 4.1.2 Claimant must immediately notify Company of all claims for concealed damage. Carrier must be given reasonable opportunity to inspect damaged items in original packing.
  - 4.1.3 Claims should be submitted to Carrier within 96 hours of receipt of goods.
- 4.2 Computing Charges. The Company's rates are computed by multiplying the applicable rate by the time as provided in Section 1.1.
- 4.3 Governing Publications. The Company's rates and charges are governed by the conditions of this tariff, and the Rules and Regulations of the South Carolina Public Service Commission.
- 4.4 Storage-in-Transit. Company will require payment when a shipment is delivered to a temporary storage warehouse. Charges are calculated as provided in Section 1.
- 4.5 Bill of Lading, Contract Terms and Conditions. A copy of the Company's Bill of Lading, is attached and incorporated by reference as Exhibit One.

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**ADDENDUM TO UNIFORM HOUSEHOLD GOODS BILL OF LADING**

**SHIPPER DECLARATION OF VALUE**

**IMPORTANT:** There are two (2) options available to cover loss and/or damages:

**OPTION 1:** **Basic Value Protection.** This lower level of value protection is provided at no additional cost. However, it only provides minimal protection that is considerably less than the average value of household goods. The carrier's maximum liability shall be \$.60 per pound for the actual weight on any lost or damaged article or articles, if the shipment has been expressly released by the shipper to such value per article. Under this option, a claim for any article that may be lost, destroyed or damaged while in the custody of your mover will be settled based on the weight of the individual article multiplied by 60 cents. For example, damages to an item weighing 400 pounds would result in a maximum claim settlement of \$240. Basic Value Protection provides minimal protection, and it is possible that settlement of any claim under this level of valuation will not be satisfactory to you. (MRT Section 1, Rule 7, Valuation).

**OPTION 2:** **Full Value Protection.** The minimum value of the shipment will be \$4.00 times the weight of the shipment. However, you have the right to declare that your shipment has a greater value and pay for that increased protection. If items are lost, the mover will have the options of replacing them with articles of like kind and quality or paying the replacement costs as determined by current market value. If items are damaged, the mover will have the same options, plus the additional options of repairing the items or paying the repair cost. All damaged items that are either replaced or reimbursed at full-market value become the property of the mover. Under this option, for example, if the total weight of your shipment is 8,000 pounds, then the total value of your entire shipment is established to be \$32,000 and the charge for that level of protection would be \$240. If you determine that your shipment has a value greater than the \$50,000 minimum amount of insurance coverage that the Commission requires movers to have, you may want to request written verification of additional coverage from your mover to ensure your shipment will be adequately covered. (MRT Section IV, Item 18, Full Value Protection).

**\*\* DECLARATION \*\***

Prior to the move, the shipper must select one of the options listed below. If the carrier fails to require the shipper to choose one of the liability options, the shipper will be considered to have chosen Option 1 (Basic Value Protection).

Shipper hereby releases the entire shipment to a value not exceeding:

\_\_\_\_\_ Option 1 - Basic Value Protection - \$.60 per pound per article.  
Signature of Shipper and Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Option 2 - Full Value Protection - \$4.00 times the actual weight in  
Signature of Shipper and Date pounds of shipment or a declared lump sum value of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

This document shall be completed and signed **PRIOR TO MOVE** and made a permanent part of the Bill of Lading.

BILL OF LADING/ORDER NO: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SHIPPER \_\_\_\_\_

( ) HOURLY RATED MOVE

( ) WEIGHT & DISTANCE MOVE

CARRIER REPRESENTATIVE \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE